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Press Release

U.S. Embassy sponsors project for the preservation of cultural heritage in Pando

The Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation will grant \$US 15,000 to the winning project of this year: "Preservation of the Cultural Heritage of Pando." The ceremony to award the check and present the project will be presided over by Phil Laidlaw, First Secretary of the Embassy of the United States, and will take place Friday, September 9, at 11:00 am at Museo Pedro Villalobos in Cobija.

Authorities of the Universidad Amazonica de Pando and the Centro de Investigación y Preservación de la Amazonía (CIPA) will participate in the ceremony.

The objective of this project is to preserve the cultural patrimony of Pando so that future generations do not forget the importance of their traditions. The project will not only create a permanent exhibit for the museum, but also will improve its infrastructure and will develop educational materials to reach a wider public.

The Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation has already funded five other projects in Bolivia, which include a digital archive compiled by the Quipus Foundation; two new rooms for exhibits in Museo Asur, Sucre; a new music archive in San Ignacio de Moxos; equipment for digital cataloguing for the Vice Ministry of Culture; and the restoration of 45 colonial-era paintings in Oruro.

Through the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation, the U.S. Department of State is helping eligible countries around the world to preserve historic landmarks, manuscripts, museum collections, and traditional expression forms such as music, dance, and languages. The Ambassador's Fund is the only program of the U.S. Government that provides small direct subsidies to support the preservation of cultural heritage in developing countries.

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